

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

AN OPTICAL DISK HAS A CENTRAL AXIS AND A MAJOR FACE  
EXTENDING IN A RADIAL DIRECTION FROM THE CENTRAL AXIS. THE  
OPTICAL DISK IS ROTATABLE AROUND THE CENTRAL AXIS AT AN  
ANGULAR VELOCITY AND IS FORMED WITH A RECORDING LAYER ON THE  
MAJOR FACE. THE RECORDING LAYER IS OPTICALLY RECORDABLE WITH  
INFORMATION AND IS FORMED WITH A TRACK AREA CONTAINING TRACKS  
WHICH ARE ARRANGED AT A PREDETERMINED TRACK PITCH IN THE  
RADIAL DIRECTION AND WHICH ARE ACCESSABLE BY AN OPTICAL BEAM  
TO READ OR WRITE INFORMATION WHILE THE TRACKS MOVE AT A  
LINEAR VELOCITY RELATIVE TO THE OPTICAL BEAM. THE RECORDING  
LAYER IS PRELIMINARILY RECORDED WITH CONTROL INFORMATION  
INDICATIVE OF THE PREDETERMINED TRACK PITCH AND/OR EITHER OF  
A PREDETERMINED LINEAR VELOCITY OF THE TRACKS OR A  
PREDETERMINED ANGULAR VELOCITY OF THE DISK. THE CONTROL  
INFORMATION IS READILY READABLE FROM THE RECORDING LAYER TO  
FACILITATE THE ACCESSING OF THE TRACKS BY THE OPTICAL BEAM.

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